Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: KID STATION AT HERITAGE **Enrollment:** 90 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49085

Street: 500 NE Beaverbrooke Blvd **City:** Grimes Iowa **Zip** 50111 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: PO Box 425, Dallas Center, IA, 50063

Director's Name: Zach Johnson **Phone Number:** 515-778-6118

On-Site Supervisor(s): Justine Johnson and Kathi Fox **E-Mail:** kidstationatheritage@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-14-2022

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-13-2021

FIRE INSPECTION **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 12-18-2020

Comments : Grimes/Johnston Fire Marshal. Per licensing, inspections are due at least every three years.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	0	120	120
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2022 to 01-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 12-15-2022

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 12/14/22. The director was present for the entire visit. The on-site supervisors were present for portions of the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Kid Station at Heritage is a center located in the Heritage Elementary School in Grimes, IA. The center was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) supervision on 8/23/17. The center serves school-age children who attend this elementary school and the other two elementary schools in Grimes. There is a before school component that runs 6:30am - 7:45am and an after school component that runs 3:15pm - 6:00pm. Every other Wednesday is an early out and programming on those days starts at 1:00pm. During the summer and no school days, the center is open 6:30am - 6:00pm. The center primarily uses the cafeteria and outdoor playground area, but they also have access to the gym on certain days.

The center is overseen by a Board. The center director is Zach Johnson. Zach has a BA degree in Communications and has past experience working in child care. Justine Johnson is one of the on-site supervisor as of 5/2019. Justine has a BA degree in Elementary Education and also has past experience working in child care. Kathi Fox is another on-site supervisor. Kathi has worked in the school system and child care system for a number of years. The business manager of the center is Jill Bejarno.

During the visit, children were observed all in the cafeteria. Children were broken down into smaller groups. Some children were visiting with each other. Some children were using manipulative toys. Some children were playing with dramatic play toys. Staff were spaced out throughout the gym and engaged in all child activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director is organized.

The center has a business manager.

Monthly staff meetings are held. Management buys food for staff to eat during these meetings. A staff recognition program is utilized for recognizing good work done by staff. Management also puts on employee gatherings for staff a couple of times throughout the year

Monthly Board meetings are held.

Good staff and child interactions were again observed and overheard.

The director stated again he has a good staff working for him. Staff enjoy their job duties and enjoy working with children.

Parents are actively kept informed of programming/communication. "Remind App" is used for communication with parents.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel.

Enrollment has increased over the past year. More staff have been able to be hired over the past year.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
ONE STAFF WAS PAST DUE FOR HAVING SOME OF THESE INITIAL TRAININGS COMPLETED WITHIN THE FIRST 90 DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1 staff member did not have a physical in the hard copy file.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
One child was past due for an annual update signed/dated on the enrollment forms.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: All children enrolled need to have the name, address, and phone number for a doctor and a dentist.
One child was missing dental information. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

109.9(2)c: All files contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment.
For school-age programs in the child's school, all files include a statement signed by the parent that the immunization information is available in the school file.
Number not in compliance: 2 children did not have an annual update to health status.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Because the center is located in a school building and only serves school-age children, they are exempt from environmental testing.

The center generally contracts with the school district to take a school bus on field trips. Field trips are only taken during the summer months.

All 16 and 17 year old staff employed now need to be fingerprinted and have a parent authorization to be fingerprinted (both are needed to work in child care).

I - Power was discussed at the visit.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.